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Filed : December 3, 2001
Title : High-Strength Austenitic Stainless
: Steel Strip Having Excellent Flatness
: And Method of Manufacturing Same
Group Art Unit : 1742
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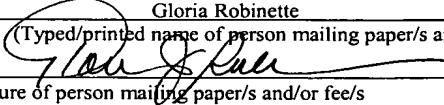
Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 7, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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Invention: "High-Strength Austenitic Stainless Steel Strip Having Excellent Flatness And Method Of Manufacturing Same"

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Small Entity Status is/has been asserted for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.
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